

## Letters 2005

12/16/05 &mdash; Letter to California Secretary for Resources (pdf):

Letter to California Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman urging continued restoration of the former Navy Communications Facility at Skaggs Island.

11/21/05 &mdash; Letter to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton (pdf):

Letter to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton urging the inclusion of \$3 million in the 2006 Budget to begin restoration at Bair Island.

10/24/05 &mdash; Letter to GAO Comptroller General David Walker (pdf):

Letter to CAO Comptroller David M. Walker requesting an examination of how Medicare beneficiaries are obtaining information on the new Medicare drug benefit.

10/18/05 &mdash; Letter to Speaker Hastert and Majority Leader Blunt (pdf):

Letter to Speaker Hastert and Majority Leader Blunt requesting that they help offset the costs associated with Katrina by allowing prescription drug importation, and by forcing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate lower prices for the new Medicare drug law.

10/18/05 &mdash; Letter to Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas (pdf):

Letter to Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas on oversight of Medicare prescription drug benefit implementation.

10/7/05 &mdash; Letter to Trade Representative Rob Portman (pdf):

Letter to Trade Representative Portman requesting he name an Assistant United States Trade Representative for Public Health, and put public health representatives on the industry advisory panels that review help shape free trade agreements.

10/06/05 &mdash; Letter to CMS Administrator Mark McClellan (pdf):

Letter to CMS Administrator Mark McClellan requesting rectification of an error in information that CMS provided to all beneficiaries about the new Medicare drug benefit.

9/30/05 &mdash; Letter to Resources Chairman Pombo (pdf):

Letter to House Committee on Resources Chairman Richard Pombo objecting to a proposal to sell fifteen of the country's national parks to private developers.

9/27/05 &mdash; Letter to Resources Chairman Pombo (pdf):

Letter to President Bush requesting that he reinstate prevailing wage laws in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

9/22/05 &mdash; Letter to Homeland Security Secretary Chairman Michael Chertoff (pdf):

Letter to Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff urging the appointment of a designated individual to coordinate animal rescue efforts in the Gulf Coast region.

9/21/05 &mdash; Letter to House Committee on Resources (pdf):

Letter to Chairman Pombo and Ranking Member Rahall urging protection of the Endangered Species Act.

8/18/05 &mdash; Letter to CMS Chief Actuary Richard Foster (pdf):

Letter to CMS Cheif Actuary Richard Foster requesting an estimate related to Medicare Advantage payment rates for 2006.

8/15/05 &mdash; Letter to House Armed Services Committee Chariman Hunter (pdf):

Letter to House Armed Services Committee Chairman Hunter requesting hearings to discuss an end to the war in Iraq and how to start bringing the troops home.

7/28/05

&mdash; Letter to CMS Administrator Mark McClellan Detailing Possible Racial Discrimination by Physician Owned Specialty Hospitals (pdf):

Letter from Reps. Stark, Rangel and Lewis to CMS Administrator Mark McClellan requesting CMS report in response to data indicating possible racial discrimination at physician-owned specialty hospitals.

7/26/05 &mdash; Letter to CMS Commenting on Draft Part D Model Marketing Materials (pdf):

Letter from Rep. Stark to CMS in response to prescription drug plan marketing materials.

7/14/05 &mdash; Letter to President Bush Urging Karl Rove to Explain Role in CIA Leak. (pdf):

Letter from Rep. Stark to President Bush urging Deputy White House Chief of Staff Karl Rove to explain his role in the matter of Valerie Plame.

6/9/05 &mdash; Letter to Rep. Nancy Johnson -- CMS Oversight (pdf):

Letter from Rep. Stark to Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Nancy Johnson requesting oversight hearings on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

5/10/05 &mdash; Letter to House Armed Services Committee -- Nuclear Weapons Funding (pdf):

Letter from Rep. Stark to House Armed Services Committee Leaders urging the elimination of funding for the so called "bunker-buster" and other new nuclear weapons.

5/10/05 &mdash; Letter to House Appropriations Committee -- Nuclear Weapons Funding (pdf):

Letter from Rep. Stark to House Appropriations Committee Leaders urging the elimination of funding for the so called "bunker-buster" and other new nuclear weapons.

5/3/05 &mdash; Letter to House Appropriations Committee -- Increased Funding for Global Epidemic Control (pdf):

Letter signed by Rep. Stark to Appropriations Committee Chairman requesting an increase in FY 2006 funding toward the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

4/26/05 &mdash; Letter to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (pdf):

A

letter sent to CMS Administrator Mark McClellan requesting production of the 2006 "Medicare and You" handbook be halted. Unfortunately, the draft contains several omissions and inaccuracies and requires significant edits before the document can be useful to the millions of Medicare beneficiaries who will rely on it for information.

2/8/05 &mdash; Letter to House Budget Committee &mdash; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (pdf):

Letter

signed by Rep. Stark to Budget Committee Chairman expressing opposition to any language in the 2006 Budget Resolution that assumes revenue from oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or reconciliation instructions that would facilitate opening the Arctic Refuge

2/3/05 &mdash; Letter to President Bush &mdash; Retiree Health Benefits (pdf):

Rep.

Stark and Sen. Rockefeller letter to the President stating that it was not Congress's intent under the new Medicare Drug Law for employers to cut retiree benefits below the value of the new Medicare drug benefit  
1/26/05 -- Letter to Reps. Herger and Ramstad -- Waste, Fraud and Abuse (pdf):

Reps.

Stark, McDermott and Lewis letter to the Chairmen of the Ways and Means Oversight and Human Resources Subcommittees calling for an investigation into the use of taxpayer funds by the Administration to pay syndicated columnist Maggie Gallagher to write in support of its marriage promotion programs.  
1/12/05 -- Letter to President Bush -- Iraq (pdf):

Reps. Stark and Lee letter calling on President Bush to begin withdrawing troops from Iraq.